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Proclamation by President Davis.

The Congress of the Confederate States have, by a joint resolution, invited me to appoint a day of public fasting, humiliation and prayer, with thanksgiving to Almighty God.

It is our solemn duty, at all times, and more especially in a season of public trial and adversity, to acknowledge our dependence on His mercy, and to bow in humble submission before His footstool, confessing our manifold sins, supplicating His gracious pardon, imploring His Divine help, and devoutly rendering thanks for the many and great blessings which He has vouchsafed to us.

Let the hearts of our people then contritely and trustfully turn to God; let us recognize in His chastening hand the correction of a Father, and submissively pray that the trials and sufferings which have so long borne heavily upon us, may be turned away by His merciful love; that His sustaining grace be given to our people, and His divine wisdom imparted to our rulers; that the Lord of Hosts will be with our armies, and fight for us against our enemies; and that He will graciously take our cause into His own hand, and mercifully establish for us a lasting and honorable peace and independence.

And let us not forget to render unto His holy name the thanks and praise which are so justly due for His great goodness, and for the many mercies which He has extended to us amid the trials and sufferings of protracted and bloody war.

Now, therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue this, my proclamation, appointing FRIDAY, the tenth day of March next, as a day of public fasting, humiliation and prayer (with thanksgiving) for "invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God;" and I do earnestly invite all soldiers and citizens to observe the same in a spirit of reverence, penitence and prayer.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Confederate States, at Richmond, this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

By the President;

J. P. BENJAMIN,
Secretary of State.

FOOTED AND HALF-SOLD.—The Hon. Mr. Foote was riding in the cars to King George one day last week, and was entertaining those about him with a conversation characteristic of him—riding his hobbies in succession—the quartermasters, *habes corpus* and impressment agents, and was particularly severe upon the late Secretary of War (Mr. Seddon) for having sold his wheat at forty dollars per bushel. In one corner sat an old gentleman, rolling a quid of tobacco between his jaws, and revolving with in his mind all the national troubles of times. After awhile he drawled, "well, minister, if what you say of Seddon be true, the people ought to take him and that old rascal Foote out and hang them together." The Hon. Mr. Foote clutched himself nervously, and placing his hands on his knees, leaning his head forward, exclaimed, "By George, sir, I'll have you to know, sir, that I am Mr. Foote!" The old fellow, who had dropped the remark without dreaming that the party to whom it was addressed was one of the parties commented, dropped his quid, looked straight at Mr. Foote, measuring him, and replied "well minister, I didn't know you were Mr. Foote. However, I can't take a back. I'll stick to it." Mr. Foote pursued the remainder of his journey in silence, abundant food for reflection.

Richmond Examiner.

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MONDAY MORNING, FEB. 17

The attention of all persons between the ages of sixteen and sixty years of age are called to General Order No. 8, issued by Col. Jones of the 22d Regiment S. C. M.

We have been requested, by the Ladies of Camden Aid Association, to say that until further notice is given, their regular weekly meetings will be held in the Presbyterian Lecture Room, every Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Having no mail facilities, and but little reliable information as to the condition of things in Columbia, we are compelled to go to press without anything which will enlighten our readers. The line of combaters between this place and Columbia will no doubt keep us posted in the future with the latest intelligence. The only information received up to this hour, of a reliable character, is that Columbia was hard pressed by the enemy during yesterday and day before. The enemy had engaged our forces with cavalry, infantry and artillery, all of which were supposed to be in large force, and had decidedly a numerical advantage over us, but that our generals were cheerful, and quite confident of being able to hold the city. They were shelling it with great rapidity during all of yesterday, but with what success, we are unable to say. Should anything of importance be received it will appear in the form of an extra.

PUBLIC MEETING.

In pursuance of a notice heretofore published, a meeting of the citizens of Kershaw District was held in Temperance Hall on Wednesday the 15th inst. On motion, Mr. James Dunlap, Intendant of the Town of Camden, was called to the chair. After prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Wightman, the Chairman explained the object of the meeting to be, to take such steps for the proper police of the Town and defence of the country as the present exigencies demand.

The following preamble and resolutions were then introduced by Capt. W. M. Shannon:

Whereas, the State of South Carolina is invaded by a bitter and merciless foe, whose sole aim is to destroy our property and our institutions, and if possible to reduce us and our children to the most abject poverty and degradation; and whereas he is now concentrating against the Capital of our State, Be it

Resolved, That we pledge all of the resources of Kershaw District, both in men and means, to the Governor of the State, for the defence of our beloved commonwealth in this her most trying hour of need.

Resolved, That all the arms bearing men of Kershaw District between the ages of fifteen and sixteen years, and the ages of sixty and seventy years, including the Confederate exempts between the ages of sixteen and fifty years do organize themselves into a volunteer company, (selecting their own officers) to act as a patrol or police, or for such other business as the emergency may require.

Resolved, That a roll be opened at the store of James Dunlap, Intendant, where all persons between the ages indicated, and all Confederate exempts between the ages of sixteen and fifty years, may enroll themselves for the purpose above set forth.

Resolved, That we the citizens of Kershaw District gratefully accept the proffered services of our gallant and esteemed friend Major Edward Boykin, and his gallant comrades, now on furlough home, who have volunteered their services as scouts and pickets on the line of road between this place and the enemy, to give us the latest and most reliable news of his movements and whereabouts.

Resolved, That the Town Council of Camden be and are hereby requested to have all of the arms belonging to or within the possession of said town, put in complete order, and that said Council do forthwith send a messenger to Columbia, charged with the special business of procuring arms and Carriages from the Governor for the purposes above set forth.

Resolved, That the ladies of our District, be and are hereby requested to use their utmost influence in urging and stimulating the men to do their whole duty in the present crisis.

After some appropriate remarks by Captain Leitner, Col. Wm. M. Shannon and Gen. Conner, they were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Col. W. M. Shannon it was,

Resolved, That we the citizens of Kershaw District here assembled, disappointed of our earnest desires to organize into volunteer companies for the purpose of repairing to the front, by the orders of His Excellency, Gov. Magrath, calling out the militia, take occasion to urge upon Col. Jones commanding 22d Regiment So. Ca. Militia, and all other officers in command within the Regiment, promptly and efficiently to take such steps as will immediately put every man liable at the post of duty.

On motion of Col. W. M. Shannon it was also

Resolved, That as the deliberate conviction of this meeting, which all men should go to the front. Our families, our wives and children, our last thoughts as we leave should remain quietly at home, where they have food and shelter, confident that they are far safer than they would be in the attempt to flee.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

JAMES DUNLAP, Pres'tl.

WM. KENNEDY, JR. Secretary.

FROM RICHMOND—GENERAL LEE'S ORDER TO ABSENT SOLDIERS.

RICHMOND, Feb. 13.—General Lee has issued general orders offering pardon to all deserters who return to their commands within twenty days from the publication of this order, at the headquarters of the department in which they may belong. No general amnesty will again be granted, and those who refuse to accept the pardon now offered, or shall hereafter desert, shall suffer such punishment as the courts may impose, and no application for clemency will be entertained.

The order closes as follows: "Taking my resolution from the fate which the enemy intends for us, let every man devote all his energies to the common defence. Our resources, wisely, vigorously employed, are ample, and with a brave army, sustained by a determined and united people, success, with God's assistance, cannot be doubtful. The advantages of the enemy will have but little value if we do not permit them to impair our resolution. Let us, then, oppose constancy to adversity, fortitude to suffering, courage to danger, with the firm assurance that He who gave freedom to our fathers, will bless the efforts of their children to preserve it."

SHERMAN'S MOVEMENTS.—An official dispatch received Sunday night states that "General Wheeler reports having defeated Kilpatrick at Johnson's Turn Out, near Aiken." In consequence of the late hour at which the news arrived, we could obtain no particulars.

Intelligence was received Saturday morning that skirmishing had been going on the line of the Edisto, near Orangeburg, all day. The enemy were reported in heavy force, but at that time had made no determined effort to force our position. Saturday night the enemy were reported in force between the two Edistos. Scouts reported the 15th Army Corps twelve miles West of Orangeburg. A few of the enemy's cavalry appeared at Neiner's bridge.

Sunday morning heavy firing was heard in the direction of Orangeburg, and later in the day it was reported, on good authority, that the enemy had crossed the Edisto below Orangeburg and tapped the Columbia branch of the South Carolina Rail Road, cutting off communication by that route. Branchville was evacuated and our troops fell back to a stronger position.

Citizens from Blackville and Barnwell Court House represent the enemy as orderly in their behavior, paying for what provisions they take, and destroying only public buildings and such as have been left unoccupied. At Barnwell Court House they set fire and burned the Court House building, and at Blackville destroyed the commissary building and rail road depot.

TOUCHING SCENE.—When the boat containing the returned Fort Gaines prisoners arrived at the Mobile wharf, says a correspondent of the Macon Confederacy, an old white-haired sire anxiously sought his son. He had been watching all day for the boat to arrive, eager to clasp in his arms his boy, the son of his old age. He was so overjoyed at the anticipated reunion that he could hardly speak, and when the boat landed, tears of joy were streaming down his furrowed cheeks. If so great was the joy of anticipation, you can picture his grief when he was told his boy had not come. "We buried him an hour before we left Ship Island."

That father's look of despair, reminded me of the tale, where, when God forsaken, the man falls into spasms, too horrible to gaze upon.

Boys.—It is astonishing, says the Register, to see how quickly they learn to monkey all that is repulsive in their seniors. They swear with all the refined gusto of a cockney. They shape their oaths after the most approved twang. They gamble like any blackleg—"tag" for marbles, buttons or dollars; they talk of the war had criticised the movements of our greatest Generals with the same impudence that characterizes and editor or any other man the talk of the women, of barrooms, and all that kind of a thing with almost the sang froid of a libertine. In short, the boy is a peculiar institution, and the most peculiar portion of the institution may be found about the streets of Augusta.

THE ENEMY IN BARNEVELL.—We have been told with pleasure that Barnevell, who have made their way through the enemy's advance, and who represent the conduct as still thoroughly characteristic of the most brutal vandals. The village of Barnevell Bridge has been burned to the ground. The residences of the planters, on the other side, were left unoccupied, were not destroyed. And where the flames did not reach their dwellings, they were subjected, not to robbery, but to various kinds of insults. The tools were clapped to the bosoms of women, mothers and wives, the robbers refused to wait until doors and drawers could be unlocked, broke open ruthlessly the finest cabinets and apartments, destroyed or carried off at pleasure, and to enforce their demands, threatened the house with fire over the heads of the inhabitants. They traversed the precinct, it appears in scattered bands of fifteen or twenty, sometimes with and sometimes without any officer—the officer in general command of these predatory parties being understood to be Colonel Robbins, who evidently and eminently deserves that the letter G should be restored to his name, a military right belonging to it. He was probably chosen for his work because of his merits as a picafoon.

OBITUARY.

Departed this life in Eutaw, Ala. on the 23d of November ult. after a brief illness, BENEY F. BARNFIELD, in the 67th year of his age.

The announcement of the death of this estimable and venerable man will awaken many a dormant chord of memory in minds and hearts throughout the South.

A native of New Jersey, a graduate of one of our first seats of learning, he devoted himself early in life to classical pursuits, and after teaching a year or two in Virginia, he settled in Camden, at about the year 1830, where for many years he was principal of a very large and flourishing academy.

Having come into one of our oldest families, being completely identified with his adopted home and devoted to his profession, he applied himself to the task of teaching with a rare zeal, and not a rarer success in our community; and although always eminent and successful, and very prominent as a teacher in Alabama, it is probable that no period of his life was more useful than the fifteen years he devoted to training the minds of the youths of this section of the State.

From the re-organization of the South Carolina College in 1835, under Hon. Robert Barnwell, until Mr. Hatfield left the State, his pupils always exhibited thorough preparation, especially in the classics, and they bore into after life the benefits of his training.

Gen. Chesnut, Gov. Manning, Col. Dickinson, Generals Kershaw, Gautey and Deas, and many other of his pupils of this period have achieved distinction, while the memories awakened by the death of this revered teacher recall many a noble pupil of his who has given his life for his country, in this struggle, in the bloody fields s. attered from the heights of Gettysburg to the swamps of Mississippi, all of whom would have joined in this tribute of respect to a revered and faithful teacher, an earnest and true man.

He leaves a widow, his second wife, universally remembered and esteemed in this community, three daughters and two sons, one yet a boy, the other under the command of one of his father's old pupils, has illustrated of many a hard fought field the lessons of duty and courage taught him by his parent.

Mr. Hatfield died, as he had for many years lived, a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

Farewell, my old teacher and friend. The memories of a life arise at thoughts of thee, and many a noble son of Carolina has "gone before" and will give thee cordial greeting.

CAMDEN, S. C.

PUPIL.

South Carolina—Kershaw District.

BY A. L. McDONALD, ESQUIRE, ORDINARY
WHEREAS, Mrs. A. C. ISBELL applied to me for Letters of Administration on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Charles Baley late of the district aforesaid, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at our next Ordinary's Court for the said District, to be holden at Kershaw Court House on Friday the 3d day of March next, to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and in the eighty-ninth year of the independence and sovereignty of the State South Carolina.

A. L. McDONALD, O. C. D.

February 17

BRANCH BANK STATE SO. CA.,

CAMDEN, Feb. 16, 1865.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL DEPOSITORS, ARE again notified that this Bank may be closed at any time, and they are advised promptly to remove their deposits.
W. M. SHANNON,
Feb. 17—f President.